

Once in a while, we have a case that is really so difficult and sad to solve, and this is one of them. It happens to be a constituent of both of ours in California, and they have asked for help. I hope this Senate will respond and give that help.

Thank you very much.

#### EXECUTIVE CALENDAR—Continued

Mr. CARDIN. I ask unanimous consent that all time be yielded back and we vote immediately.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### VOTE ON SHRIVER NOMINATION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the Shriver nomination?

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant executive clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) and the Senator from Colorado (Mr. HICKENLOOPER) are necessarily absent.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. BARRASSO), the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR), the Senator from Texas (Mr. CRUZ), the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE), the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MORAN), and the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. SASSE).

The result was announced—yeas 57, nays 35, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 402 Ex.]

#### YEAS—57

Baldwin	Hirono	Reed
Bennet	Kaine	Romney
Blumenthal	Kelly	Rosen
Blunt	Kennedy	Sanders
Booker	King	Schatz
Brown	Klobuchar	Schumer
Cantwell	Leahy	Shaheen
Capito	Lujan	Sinema
Cardin	Manchin	Smith
Carper	Markey	Stabenow
Collins	Menendez	Tester
Coons	Merkley	Tillis
Cortez Masto	Murkowski	Van Hollen
Duckworth	Murphy	Warner
Durbin	Murray	Warnock
Feinstein	Ossoff	Warren
Gillibrand	Padilla	Whitehouse
Hassan	Peters	Wyden
Heinrich	Portman	Young

#### NAYS—35

Blackburn	Grassley	Risch
Boozman	Hagerty	Rounds
Braun	Hawley	Rubio
Cassidy	Hoehn	Scott (FL)
Cornyn	Hyde-Smith	Scott (SC)
Cotton	Johnson	Shelby
Cramer	Lankford	Sullivan
Crapo	Lee	Thune
Daines	Lummis	Toomey
Ernst	Marshall	Tuberville
Fischer	McConnell	Wicker
Graham	Paul	

#### NOT VOTING—8

Barrasso	Cruz	Moran
Burr	Hickenlooper	Sasse
Casey	Inhofe	

The nomination was confirmed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the motion to reconsider is considered made and laid upon the table, and the President will be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

#### LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate will resume legislative session.

The Senator from Oregon.

#### UNANIMOUS CONSENT REQUEST—S. RES. 183

Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, since 2009, I have lead a bipartisan coalition of Senators to pass a resolution each Congress acknowledging the plight of the Baha'i community in Iran. I want to note that Chairman MENENDEZ and I have worked together on a lot of issues, and he and I are both very much in support of this.

In doing this, I have carried on the work of former colleagues on both sides who have used their bully pulpit to condemn the Iranian Government's persecution of the Baha'is in every Congress since 1982.

In fact, the House of Representatives passed their own resolution on this issue earlier this month. In my view, it is crucial—and I know Chairman MENENDEZ feels strongly about this too—that the Senate pass this resolution and strongly condemn the repressive Iranian Government.

Over the past 13 weeks, the world has witnessed the Iranian Government's violent repression of its own people in response to nationwide protests defending women's rights. It should come as no surprise to my colleagues that the Iranian Government has a long history of repressing and targeting religious minorities and, in particular, the Baha'i community.

The Wyden family knows quite a bit about authoritarian regimes targeting and persecuting individuals on the basis of religion. I know the distinguished Presiding Officer has known several Wydens over the years who have lived in his home State and has heard the stories about how we fled the Nazis. In our family, not all got out. We lost family there and other horrors. So we know a lot about these authoritarian regimes.

Today, the Baha'i community continues to face harassment, violence, dehumanization, and persecution in all forms. Baha'is in Iran are subject to arbitrary arrests and imprisonment, and they are denied access to higher education and certain occupations.

My resolution, which has long had bipartisan support, condemns the Government of Iran's state sanctions and persecution of the Baha'i community and its continued violations of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, and the Inter-

national Covenant on Economic Social, and Cultural Rights.

The resolution further calls on the Iranian Government to release all people detained or imprisoned solely on account of their religion. Their campaign of hate against the Baha'is includes policies that deny Baha'is and other religious minorities equal opportunities, freedoms, and rights under the law.

My resolution calls on the Biden administration to condemn these human rights violations, push for the release of religious prisoners, and use its authority to impose sanctions against those responsible for these deplorable human rights violations.

I want to close, again, by emphasizing that Chairman MENENDEZ and I have a history of working together on this. Both of us have been strong supporters of the Baha'is in documenting these human rights issues. At the end of the Congress, you have all kinds of challenges with respect to the process, and I respect his views very much.

So I ask unanimous consent that the Foreign Relations Committee be discharged from further consideration and the Senate now proceed to S. Res. 183; that the resolution be agreed to; that the preamble be agreed to; and that the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

The Senator from New Jersey.

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. President, reserving the right to object, let me, first, praise Senator WYDEN for his continuing effort on behalf of the Baha'is. As he has mentioned, we have worked together on this in the past. I am strongly supportive.

I am in complete agreement with what Senator WYDEN wants to do in terms of shining a spotlight on the abuses that the Baha'is face at the hands of the Iranian regime and taking steps to protect that community.

I believe that religious freedom and support for religious minorities is a fundamental right, one we have to defend both at home and abroad. For decades, Iran has persecuted religious minorities, ethnic minorities, women—as we have seen most pointedly of late—and anyone who does not toe the regime's line.

Senator WYDEN's resolution addresses an important issue. My challenge here is that we have a flood of requests to release the committee both of resolutions and legislation, including of members of the committee, and we have said no in order to preserve the opportunity to have the imprint of the committee's process on any given resolution or piece of legislation. In order to preserve that, we ultimately have a challenge. If we were to allow this to happen at this point, there would be an enormous number.

So what I can commit to the Senator is that at the very beginning of this new session, the committee will take up your resolution. I will work with